FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
COVID19 & RESIDENCE LIFE
PASS/FAIL GRADING SYSTEM DUE TO COVID19

Housing & Accommodations

1. Can I stay on campus for the remainder of the Fall semester, even though classes are all online?
   Yes, students have the option to remain on campus until November 20th, 2020, at 12:00pm (noon). ALL students will be required to vacate the residence hall on November 20th.

2. Will I receive a refund if I decide to leave campus/my residence hall due to COVID19?
   No, if you decide to leave the residence hall due to COVID19, you will not receive a refund. Students have the option to remain on campus until November 20th, 2020.

3. Do I have to take my personal belongings from my room when I leave the campus this semester?
   No, if you are returning for the Spring 2021 semester, you do not have to take your personal belongings with you. Please speak with your Residence Life Coordinator or Resident Assistant to receive the guidelines that you must follow when leaving your belongings within your room assignment. However, if your room is being renovated due to floor repairs, you will be allowed to have your belongings stored in the building. The University will not be liable for any personal or property damages.

4. Will my room in the residence hall be available in the Spring, or will I have to apply for a new room assignment?
   Yes, if you lived on campus, the room assignment you have in the Fall 2020 semester will be your room assignment in the Spring 2021 semester.

Pass/Fail & Financial Aid

Will selecting P/F grading impact my financial aid and/or satisfactory academic progress (SAP)?
Yes, selecting P/F grading will impact your financial aid and satisfactory academic progress (SAP). Typically, the pass/fail courses do not affect a student’s grade point average (GPA) and are not factored into the qualitative component of the SAP calculation. Still, the courses do count toward the quantitative measure (pace of progression) attempted hours and would be factored
into the SAP calculation. Also, the pass/fail grading could affect your eligibility for state grants and scholarships.

**Pass/Fail Option & Grading**

1. **How does “Pass/Fail” grading impact GPAs?**
   Pass/fail grades do not affect a student’s Grade Point Average (GPA). It will neither raise nor lower the GPA.

2. **How does an “Fail” grade impact my GPA or academic standing?**
   Pass/fail grades do not affect a student’s Grade Point Average (GPA). It will neither raise nor lower the GPA.

3. **If I am graduating this semester, how will Pass/Fail affect me in a class I need to pass to graduate? How will it affect my GPA?**
   Pass/fail grades do not affect a student’s Grade Point Average (GPA) or graduation status. It will neither raise nor lower the GPA.

4. **I am considering opting-in for P/F grade for a class. How should I proceed? Is there a form that I complete? Who do I turn it in to? What is the deadline?**

5. **What happens if I don’t opt-in for Pass/Fail?**
   You will receive the letter grade you earn for your class(es).

6. **Can I withdraw from a class instead of opting-in for a Pass/Fail?**
   No, the last day to withdraw from a class this Fall was October 20th.

7. **If I have already withdrawn from a class, will I have an opportunity to reinstate in a course now that the opportunity to earn a Pass/Fail exists?**
   No, you will not be able to reinstate in a course that was dropped previously.

8. **Are there any classes that are not eligible for Pass/Fail grading?**
   Some classes may not be eligible for P/F grading. Speak directly with your instructor. See the Pass/Fail Grade Guidelines.

9. **Can I choose a P/F grade for labs?**
   Most labs are associated with a course. You can select P/F grading if a lab is graded separately and does not require simultaneous registration. Speak directly with your instructor. See the Pass/Fail Grade Guidelines.
10. If I am taking a prerequisite class, will a P/F grade impact my ability to register for the next course?
   A Pass grade is the same as a C grade or higher. The Pass grade will satisfy any prerequisite.

11. How will Spring 2020 P/F grades appear on my transcript sent to professional and graduate schools?
   The back of the transcripts contains a legend detailing the grading system. Spring 2020 transcripts will indicate that the Pass/Fail grade option was offered this semester because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

12. If I receive a Fail grade in a class, would I have to use grade forgiveness to repeat it later?
   Only if you meet the grade forgiveness policy requirements.

13. Would repeating a course in which I received a Fail be considered a second attempt?
   Yes, it would.

14. Can I appeal my decision to receive a Pass/Grade for a class?
   No. Appeals to reverse your request for a P/F will not be allowed. Before you select P/F grading, consult with a faculty member or your academic advisor. A student cannot petition a pass/fail grade once a letter grade has been selected. A student cannot demand a letter grade once a pass/fail grade has been chosen.

Pass/Fail & Graduate School

Will selecting the P/F grading option impact my application to graduate or professional school?
Please contact the graduate or professional program to which you are applying.